

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, claims 1-28 were pending. Of those claims, claims 9-17 and 26-28 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-8.

In this Amendment, claims 18-25 have been amended to recite a computer readable medium, to obviate the rejection of those under 35 U.S.C. §101 (see paragraph 3 of the Office Action). Claim 18 has also been amended to delete the word "said." Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, Examiner Patel's courtesy and professionalism in conducting a telephonic interview on February 17, 2005. It is Applicants' understanding that the amendments of claims 18-25 would not raise any new issue and would be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

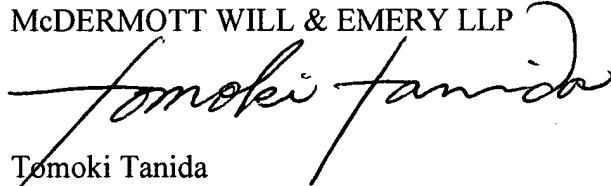
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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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